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FOLLOWING REPEAT NATO 2694 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 14:

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S E C R E T USNATO 2694

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SUBJECT: DRAFT NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

REF : USNATO 2676

1. AT MAY 14 NAC UNDER "ANY OTHER BUSINESS", U.K. PERMREP PECK SAID HE HAD JUST RECIEVED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE SUMMIT DECLARATION AND WISHED TO REPORT THEM PROMPTLY TO THE COUNCIL. PECK SAID REGARDING THE TWO DRAFTS WHICH SEEM TO HAVE EMERGED, LONDON FINDS THE IS DRAFT "THE MORE PROMISING ONE", AND IS NOT PREPARED TO WORK ONLY ON THE BASIS OF THE DESTAERCKE DRAFT. PECK SAID, IN OTHER WORDS, HIS AUTHORITIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO PUT ASIDE THE IS DRAFT. FURTHERMORE, HMG WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THE URGENCY OF GETTING ON WITH THIS MATTER.

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2. AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE SPC WAS CALLED BY ASYG KASTL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MAY 14 NAC FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE ON WHAT PROCEDURES MIGHT POSSIBLY HELP BREAK THE DEADLOCK. FRG REP (BOSS) PROPOSED A COMMITTEE OF FOUR WITH FRANCE/BELGIUM ON THE ONE SIDE AND U.S./U.K. ON THE OTHER TO ATTEMPT TO MERGE TWO DRAFTS. FRENCH REP (DE LA FERRIERE) SAID FOR HIS PART HE WAS WILLING TO ENGAGE IN SUCH AN EFFORT AT COMPROMISE BUT THE DIFFICULTY WAS THAT U.S. HAD NO FLEXIBILITY TO EVEN ADDRESS THE DE STAERCKE TEXT. VARIOUS OTHER ALTERNATIVES WERE PROPOSED BUT NONE MET WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT. KASTL CONCLUDED SAYING NO CLEAR PROCEDURAL CHOICE YET RECOMMENDED ITSELF, AND THAT WE WOULD THEREFORE
"RUMINATE ON THE MATTER" OVERNIGHT. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE KASTL INTENDS TO TRY HIS OWN HAND AT A COMPROMISE DRAFT.
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